

**Dry Creek Thinning Project**  
**Statement of Work and Request for Proposals**  
**Inyo National Forest, California**

**Background and Statement of Work:** The National Forest Foundation (NFF) and the USDA Forest Service are working together to protect and restore the Inyo National Forest (INF) through targeted efforts. The NFF is seeking proposals for vegetation management for overstory thinning and ladder fuels reduction on approximately 538 acres of National Forest System Lands located near Mammoth Lakes in Mono County, California. Treatments for restoration can utilize hand thin and pile or mechanical treatments.

Due to the nature of this project, the unit of measurement of the sawlogs will be determined based on the operational plan for the material. If stored at the Oh Ridge decking location, sawlogs will be scaled in deck form. If material is taken to a Sawlog Utilization Facility, volume may be weight scaled at certified facilities. Material will be sold by the NFF to the successful bidder.

**Information Requested**

If interested in this project, please provide a bid for the above statement of work by providing approach, work experience, and cost. Due to the variety of operational options listed in APPENDIX E – Schedule of Items and Specifications to meet desired conditions, please clearly define the operational approach and provide a list of planned equipment to accomplish items in bid submission. Please also include your capacity for this project and efficiency in overstory thinning and ladder fuels reduction projects in the past, if any.

Once bidders understand the requirements of the project, bidders are encouraged to bring forward additional ideas or more efficient operational approaches in their proposal.

This is a request for proposals only and quotations furnished are not offers. This request does not commit the National Forest Foundation to pay any costs incurred in the preparation or submission of the proposal or to contract for supplies or services.

**General Specifications**

- (a) Description of Work – This Request for Proposals is for overstory thinning and ladder fuels reduction on Dry Creek Thinning Project, including the following:

**Item 1**

- 1.1 – Ladder Fuels Removal for Unit 1 on conifers up to 10" DBH
- 1.2 – Ladder Fuels Removal for Unit 2 on conifers up to 10" DBH

**Item 2**

- 2.1 – Overstory Thinning for Unit 1 on conifers from 10" to 29.9" DBH
- 2.2 – Overstory Thinning for Unit 2 on conifers from 10" to 29.9" DBH

**Item 3** – Hauling and Decking sawlog material at Oh Ridge Decking Site

**Item 4** – Hauling to Sawlog Utilization Facility

**Item 5** – Gate replacement at Oh Ridge Decking Site

**Item 6** – Road Maintenance, Dust Abatement, and Erosion Control within Project Area

The full Scope of Work can be found in APPENDIX E – Schedule of Items and Specifications. Each work item is broken out into its own section with further detail pertaining to desired conditions.

The Contractor shall identify what they can supply in terms of materials, labor, equipment, supplies, supervision, quality control, and incidentals required to complete the work described. The Contractor shall perform all work in a safe and conscientious manner.

(b) Project Location – APPENDIX C – General Project Maps include a map of the project area on which treatments may occur and the Oh Ridge Decking Site location. The project is located on Inyo National Forest lands and is a total of 538 acres. It is approximately 5.5 miles north of the town of Mammoth Lakes and 1.5 miles west of Highway 395. The project area is at an elevation of 7,600 feet and can be inaccessible due to snow coverage from November through April or May. The Oh Ridge Decking Site is located 12.5 miles north of the Town of Mammoth Lakes and 1 mile west of Highway 395. The decking site is at the same elevation as the project area. The haul distance from the project area to the Oh Ridge Decking Site is 10 miles.

(c) Work Schedule – Work will commence as early as project and soil conditions allow in 2023 and run year-round (weather permitting) until December 2024. Anticipate delays each summer and fall for Project Activity Level (PAL) days where limited work is allowed. Snow cover and wet ground will most likely prevent hand or equipment work during the winter months (November – May). All work must be completed by December 2024.

**Pricing Schedule**

Contractor shall price work according to the schedule below.

(a) Conifer Removal – Due to the nature of this project, the quantity of product will be determined once decked at the Oh Ridge decking location or scaled at a Sawlog Utilization Facility. The unit of measure will be determined once the scaling method has been agreed upon. Please provide a bid to purchase the following products in both units of measure (TON, MBF, etc.):

<b>Dry Creek Thinning Project – Timber Rates</b>						
<b>Cutting Unit Number</b>	<b>Approximate Acreage</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>Product</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Unit of Measure</b>	<b>Rate of Payment \$</b>
1, 2	538	Combined Softwood	Sawtimber	9,000	TON	
1, 2	538	Combined Softwood	Sawtimber	3,000	CCF	

*Quantity of sawtimber are estimates. Minimum rates for Sawtimber are: \$0.08/TON and \$0.25/CCF*

(b) Service Work Items – Contractor shall price work according to the schedule below:

<b>Dry Creek Thinning Project – Service Work Items</b>					
<b>Item #</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Unit of Measure</b>	<b>Unit Price (\$)</b>	<b>Total Amount (\$)</b>
<b>1.1</b>	<b>Ladder Fuels Removal Unit 1</b>	280.8	Acres		
<b>1.2</b>	<b>Ladder Fuels Removal Unit 2</b>	256.8	Acres		
<b>2.1</b>	<b>Overstory Thinning Unit 1</b>	280.8	Acres		
<b>2.2</b>	<b>Overstory Thinning Unit 2</b>	256.8	Acres		
<b>3</b>	<b>Hauling and Decking at “Oh Ridge”</b>	10	Miles		
<b>4</b>	<b>Hauling to Sawlog Utilization Facility</b>	TBD	Miles		
<b>5</b>	<b>Gate Replacement</b>	1	Gate		
<b>6</b>	<b>Road Maintenance, Dust Abatement, and Erosion Control</b>	1	All*		

\*Mileage of all roads are unknown at this time, please use project map to estimate road maintenance needs.

### **Other Project Requirements and Specifications**

- (a) Utilities – In many locations there will be no or limited sanitation, water, electrical or housing services available. The Contractor shall make its own arrangements for temporary facilities if needed. The NFF Representative will assist the contractor in identifying a camping area near the project site if spiking is the desired option.
- (b) Specifications – Project work shall be accomplished in accordance with the following:
  - APPENDIX A – Definitions
  - APPENDIX B – Omitted
  - APPENDIX C – General Project Maps
  - APPENDIX D – Omitted
  - APPENDIX E – Schedule of Items and Specifications
  - APPENDIX F – Timber Removal Specifications
  - APPENDIX G – Guidelines and Operations
  - APPENDIX H – Fire Plan
  - APPENDIX I – Gate Construction
  - APPENDIX J – INF Wet Weather Operations Agreement

### **Contractor Qualifications**

- (a) References – Please provide three references.
- (b) Past Experience – Please provide a brief explanation of previous work experience with land management agencies.

### **Insurance Requirements**

Upon selection of the winning bid, chosen contractor will be asked to affirm that it has and shall maintain State minimum workers’ compensation insurance coverage for its employees, if any. The selected contractor shall also maintain broad form general liability, property damage, and automotive liability

insurance in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000 for bodily injury, death, or damage to property of any person and \$2,000,000 for bodily injury, death, or damage to property of more than one person. The Contractor shall name NFF an Additional Named Insured and provide NFF with documentation evidencing such coverages.

### **Prohibited Telecommunications Services and Equipment**

The Contractor is responsible for compliance with the prohibition on certain telecommunications and video surveillance services or equipment identified in 2 CFR 200.216.

### **Performance Security**

Chosen contractor shall post cash, a letter of credit, bond, or other financial security that is easily convertible into cash in a form acceptable to the NFF in its sole determination in the amount of 5% of the amount due to contractor, not to exceed \$250,000 dollars, to assure completion of the work required under this Agreement and payment of all amounts lawfully due to all persons supplying or furnishing to the Contractor or Contractor's subcontractors with labor, laborers, materials, rental machinery, tools or equipment used or to perform the work. As work is completed in integrated component parts, inspected, approved and, if applicable, conveyed to NFF, the Performance Security shall be released in a proportional amount, unless a lesser amount of release is necessary to maintain 5% Performance Security.

### **Bid Submission**

Submit bids via email to [klonergan@nationalforests.org](mailto:klonergan@nationalforests.org) by **5PM PST on February 17, 2023**.

### **Contractor Selection Process**

The NFF will use the Evaluation Factors below to review each submitted bid. Based on the outcomes of that selection process, the NFF will notify successful and unsuccessful bidders within 10 business days of the bid closing date and will prepare a separate contract document.

### **Point of Contact**

For questions about the details of producing the bid, please contact:

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## **Evaluation Factors and Relative Importance**

### Level 3 Criteria

- Price / cost
- Equipment and contractor capability
- Timing of when contractor can begin and/or finish the project
- Past performance, references, and USFS feedback

### Level 2 Criteria

- Technical proposal / proposed approach to project
- Overall strategic benefits to meeting NFF goals and grant needs, requirements, and timelines

### Level 1 Criteria

- Benefits to the local community
- Relationship to local community

## **Equal Opportunity Provider**

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